Attorney Docket No. 250270US2S DIV

Inventor: Kentaro NAKAJIMA et al

Preliminary Amendment filed: March 12, 2004

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this divisional patent application in light of the foregoing Amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-35 are presently active, Claims 1-24 canceled by the present preliminary amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,599

Eckhard H. Kuesters

Registration No. 28,870

Customer Number

22850

Phone (703) 413-3000

Fax (703) 413-2220

EHK:mlh

I:\USER\MLHAR\DIVISIONAL APPLICATIONS\250270US-PREAMT.DOC